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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 concerning opportunity for public comment on proposed collections of information, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) will publish periodic summaries of proposed projects. To request more information on the proposed projects or to obtain a copy of the information collection plans, call the SAMHSA Reports Clearance Officer on (240) 276-1243.

Comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed collections of information are necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) is conducting message testing to inform the development and implementation of a tobacco use prevention and cessation campaign aimed at youth with substance use and/or mental health conditions.

The purpose of the project is to inform messaging efforts, through focus groups with youth and indepth interviews with health care providers, to improve tobacco use prevention and cessation efforts in populations with mental health and substance use concerns, particularly youth and vulnerable populations. The focus groups and interviews are an integral part of the process to test messages and, ultimately, develop effective campaign materials and efficient implementation plans.

SAMHSA will screen parents (because focus group participants are under the age of consent) and youth, conduct focus groups with youth with substance use and/or mental health conditions, and interview health care professionals who treat youth with these conditions. The screen will be administered by telephone to parents first and, as eligible, to youth and will take 10 minutes to complete for parents and for youth. Questions will include a mix of open-ended and closed-ended responses and are intended to gather information on previous diagnosis and symptomology of mental health conditions and availability to participate in the focus group. The focus groups with youth will be conducted in person and will take up to 90 minutes. Questions are primarily open-ended and intended to gather information on the reasons youth with substance use and/or mental health conditions use tobacco, the barriers and facilitators to tobacco use prevention and cessation, the appeal of various tobacco use prevention and cessation messages,

and the best dissemination strategies and communication channels for a future campaign aimed at this specialized group. The interviews with health care professionals who treat youth with mental health and/or substance use conditions will be conducted in person, as feasible, or by telephone and will take up to 45 minutes. Questions are primarily open-ended and intended to gather information to better understand how various health care professionals screen for and address tobacco use in youth receiving care in their practice, identify messages and materials aimed at health care professionals to address tobacco use prevention and cessation in youth with substance use and/or mental health conditions, determine the most efficient communication strategies and channels to disseminate this information. All data collections are voluntary. Below is the table of the estimated total burden hours:

Respondent	Number of	Responses per	Average	Total Hour
	Respondents	Respondent	Burden Hour	Burden
Screener (Parent)	576	1	.15	86.4
Screener (Youth)	144	1	.15	21.6
Youth Focus Group	108*	1	1.50	162
Provider Interview	42	1	.75	31.5
Total	762			301.5

^{*}The 108 respondents identified for the youth focus groups are included in the 144 respondents for the youth screener.

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